

Safety Bulletin



Expandable Ladder Safety Bulletin SB05-010



As part of the RFI equipment some soldiers will receive an expandable portable ladder. Proper training, use, and supervision will be critical because the ladder will structurally handle only one (1) soldier at a time and is rated for 300 pounds with no room for error. If used for more than one soldier or 300 pounds catastrophic failure will occur without warning. A soldier's average weight is approximately 200 pounds without IBAS, plates, weapon, etc. As you can tell, placing two soldiers on the ladder will need to be a mission critical situation.

The ladder must be inspected daily in combat and every time before use during training. Check for cracks, bends, separation of hinges, and general condition. If the ladder does not function properly there is a deficiency. Should the ladder fail inspection, become damaged, or not function properly the ladder must be removed from service and turned in for repair/replacement. Units are **NOT** authorized to conduct repairs or modifications to the ladder.

